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Application No.: 10/038,203)	
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.